GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:831
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2003
AMENDMENTS IN THE ADVOCATES ACT, 1961
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the National Human Rights Commission there is a need for amending the Advocates Act, 1961 to provide for a mechanism to deal with complaints of sexual harassment in the legal profession;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has suggested that till such time the Act is amended, the Bar Council of India and the State Bar Councils could set up a disciplinary committee to deal with cases of sexual harassment;

(c) if so, whether the Government have agreed to the suggestion; and

(d) if so, the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.